



Alexandria Police Department

2015 ANNUAL REPORT





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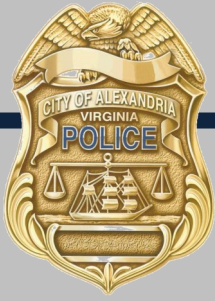
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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Alexandria Police Department is to provide competent, courteous, professional and community oriented police services. We are committed to maintaining and enhancing a strong and productive partnership with the community to continue to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in all of Alexandria's neighborhoods. We are dedicated to protecting life and property while assuring fair and equal treatment to everyone.

Central to the Department's mission are the values that guide its work and decisions.

OUR VALUES

We, the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department, value:

HUMAN LIFE
DIGNITY
INTEGRITY
EXCELLENCE
LAWS AND CONSTITUTION
ACCOUNTABILITY
PROBLEM-SOLVING
COOPERATION
OURSELVES



CHIEF'S MESSAGE · CHIEF EARL L. COOK

On behalf of the men and women of the Alexandria Police Department, I am happy to welcome to the 2015 Annual Report. One of the highest priorities for the Alexandria Police Department is the relationship we have with our community. This year, we at the Police Department strived to create and nurture relationships with the neighborhoods and communities we serve. These relationships are, many times, the key to our success. Over the last several years I have seen the improvements that can be made with those relationships through strong social media messages. We are only as good as the community in which we work.

In this Annual Report, you will see the multitude of public events we held to reach out to different communities in Alexandria. We have also highlighted some of the more high-profile crimes that occurred in 2015, along with the successful arrests of the perpetrators.

Earl L. Cook

ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

organization chart



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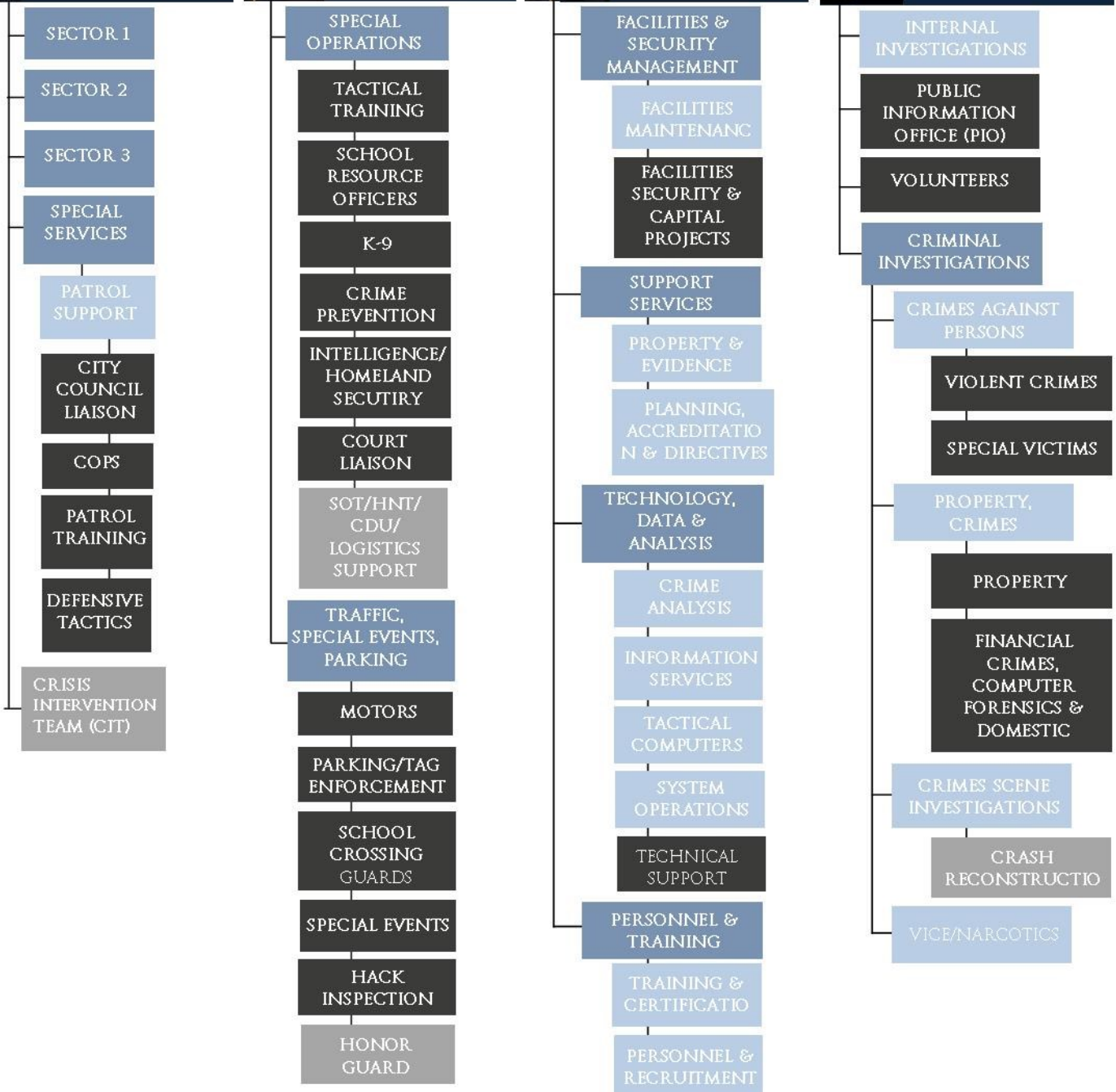
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community outreach

A YEAR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This year, the Alexandria Police Department placed an increasing focus on creating, maintaining, and improving its relationships within the neighborhoods and communities it serves. The Department launched a number of community outreach initiatives for the purpose of opening a dialogue and new lines of communication with residents and police, as well as, furthering relationships that have already been established.

Beginning in January, Police Department partnered with the City of Alexandria and other City agencies to host a Community Forum on Criminal Justice and Community Partnerships. Moderated by NBC4 Reporter Julie Carey, this forum discussed public safety and community partnerships while allowing residents to learn about Alexandria's justice system and discover existing partnerships and resources of value to the community. The forum opened a platform for the Police Department to kick off a year-long series of outreach events aimed at starting conversations about local issues and broader concerns regarding changing attitudes towards law enforcement nationwide.

"Coffee with the Chief" was the spring initiative announced in April. For three days, Chief Cook hosted evening gatherings at libraries throughout the City. He invited residents to come, have a cup of coffee,

A YEAR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT continued

and join him for an informal question and answer series. This type of event would provide residents the time and attention needed to make their concerns heard directly by the Chief of Police.

As the weather improved in the summer, Chief Cook began hosting a series of "Community Walks". The series of walks kicked off in June. The first walk began at Charles Houston Recreation Center and allowed multiple groups of officers and commanders to walk throughout the surrounding neighborhoods and greet residents.

On July 23 and August 13, Chief Cook and members of the Police Department walked through the south and north side of Mount Vernon Avenue to visit residents and businesses. They discussed crime and community concerns in addition to getting acquainted with those who live and work in the area. Chief Cook visited entered many of the businesses along the Del Ray and Arlandria sections of Mount Vernon Avenue to talk with owners and employees. He listened to concerns

and suggestions they had regarding the business community.

In an effort to continue outreach efforts into the Fall months, Chief Cook hosted the first "Police in the Park" event on September 10 to meet with residents in the Tarleton Park and Cameron Station areas and discuss the crime and quality of life in their neighborhoods. Before this event, Chief Cook

and a deputy chief made an unannounced visit to the businesses at Foxchase Shopping Center. While there Chief Cook met with employees of a business that had been recently robbed and also discussed what the Police Department could do to make them feel safer at work with other businesses. A

second "Police in the Park" event was held at All Veterans Park later in September.

This type of increased community outreach will be a continued priority in 2016 as the Police Department strives to find new ways to connect with the communities it serves.

"WE AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT STRIVE TO CREATE AND NURTURE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE NEIGHBORHOODS AND COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. THESE RELATIONSHIPS ARE, MANY TIMES, THE KEY TO OUR SUCCESS."

Chief Earl Cook

Join us for a conversation about public safety and community relationships.

COMMUNITY FORUM

on Criminal Justice & Community Partnerships

JANUARY 20
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Oswald Durant
Memorial Center
1605 Cameron St.

Moderated by NBC4's Julie Carey

Join Mayor Bill Buille and Alexandria's criminal justice leaders, including the Police Chief, Sheriff and Commonwealth's Attorney, for an important discussion on community partnerships. Find out about existing criminal justice partnerships, resources and efforts to engage the public. Learn about ways to get involved with Alexandria's justice system and explore avenues to strengthen partnerships and expand the dialogue with your criminal justice agencies and officials.

For more information, visit alexandria.gov or contact Crystal Nosal at 703.746.0601.

COFFEE with the Chief

COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU...

APRIL 14 • 5:30 - 6:30 PM
BURKE LIBRARY • 4701 SEMINARY ROAD

APRIL 15 • 6:30 - 7:30 PM
CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER • 901 WYTHE STREET

APRIL 16 • 5:30 - 6:30 PM
DUNCAN LIBRARY • 2501 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE

JOIN US FOR AN INFORMAL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WITH ALEXANDRIA POLICE CHIEF EARL L. COOK.

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ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY WALK with the Chief

Greet Alexandria Police Chief Earl L. Cook as he walks through your neighborhood. Chief Cook will be out to talk with residents and business owners about any questions or concerns you have regarding your community.

AUGUST 13 • 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Meet us at W. Glebe Road and Mount Vernon Avenue for a walk through your community! Chief Cook and other Police Department commanders will be walking along Mount Vernon Avenue.

Come out and say hi if you see Chief Cook in your neighborhood!

partnering with your community

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ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

POLICE IN THE PARK

with Chief Earl Cook

Come enjoy an evening in the park with Chief Cook and the Alexandria Police Department.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Chief Cook and other officers will be out getting to know the people in their communities and address their questions or concerns.

JOIN US!
TARLETON PARK
HOLMES RUN PKWY BETWEEN S. JORDAN & S. JENKINS STREETS

community outreach

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS WITH COMMUNITY- ORIENTED POLICING

The Police Department's Community-Oriented Policing Section (COPS) serves with a goal of integrating themselves into their assigned communities. Each COPS officer is given a community to patrol. The officers become a familiar face within these neighborhoods. The officers are able to get to know and form relationships with the people in their assigned neighborhoods. They reach out to the youth, organize activities for them, and hope that these positive interactions will affect the way they perceive law enforcement.

In 2015, the COPS continued their outreach efforts by including both new and old programs to reach members of their communities. From cleaning up neighborhoods and parks to organizing donation drives the unit sought to improve the quality of life for City residents. COPS officers took time to go to local elementary schools, taught safety lessons, and had lunch with the kids. They handed out cards offering a free Sugar Shack donut to those they saw doing a good deed.

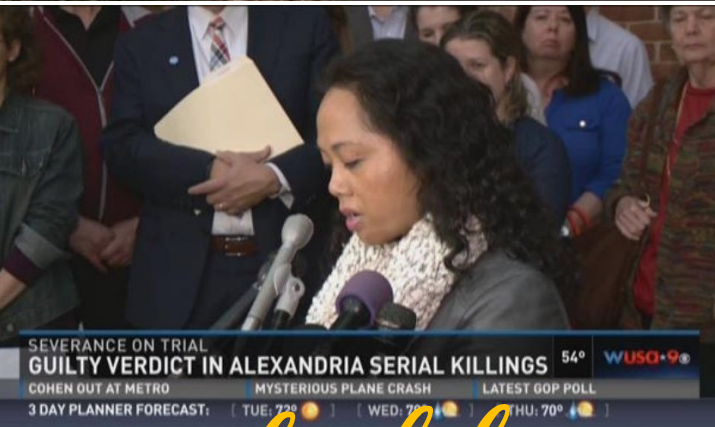
Once again this year, COPS made sure that families in their communities enjoyed the holiday season. The officers handed out turkeys and holiday meal staples to at least 58 families as part of "Operation Turkey". The COPS also delivered toys to the children of Alexandria over a two day period as part of their COPS for Christmas program. With the help of the Alexandria Police Foundation, Toys for Tots, and area businesses who donated toys and supplies, the officers were able to provide families with gifts and food for the holiday season. The officers also took Alexandria kids and their parents to Toys"R"Us to shop for a toy for themselves. The Shop with a Cop event concluded with a pizza lunch and a bit more shopping at Target.

These efforts demonstrate a handful of the way the COPS contributes to the neighborhoods it serves. The officers within the section are continually striving for new approaches to connect with their community.





courtesy of WUSA9



SEVERANCE ON TRIAL
GUILTY VERDICT IN ALEXANDRIA SERIAL KILLINGS 54° WUSA-9
 COHEN OUT AT METRO MYSTERIOUS PLANE CRASH LATEST GOP POLL
 3 DAY PLANNER FORECAST: TUE: 72° WED: 70° THU: 70°



courtesy of NBC Washington



notable events

POLICE MAKE ARREST IN MALICIOUS WOUNDING

On January 9, 2015, around 4 p.m., police responded to a residence in the 400 block of Jackson Place for the report of a stabbing. An elderly couple had entered their home and interrupted a burglary. The victim, an 84-year-old man, was stabbed by the suspect. The victim was transported to the hospital.

In cooperation with the Metro Transit Police Department, detectives conducted a thorough investigation and arrested Horace White, 52, of Washington, D.C. White is charged with two counts of Abduction, two counts of Robbery, Burglary, Malicious Wounding, and Carjacking.

POLICE INVESTIGATE AND RESOLVE BARRICADE INCIDENT

Alexandria Police Officers attempted to serve a warrant at approximately 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2015. The suspect refused to open the door. While officers were speaking to the subject through the door they heard the sound of a weapon from inside the residence. They then secured the hallway and radioed for assistance.

Incident Command was established and residents near the apartment in question were asked to shelter in their apartments until more units arrived. The suspect was taken into custody shortly before 4 a.m. on Monday, April 20. Aaron Alan Jones, 42, of Alexandria, was arrested for violation of a protective order.

POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE ON N. FAYETTE STREET

On July 2, at approximately 11:32 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of N. Fayette Street for reports of a shooting. The victim, 22-year-old Shakkan Elliot-Tibbs, of Woodbridge, was located by police suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to an area hospital where he later died.

POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE ON BELLE PRE WAY

On October 7, at approximately 11:45 p.m., officers responded to Belle Pre Way for reports of a shooting. The victim was located by police suffering from a gunshot wound. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he later died. The victim was identified as Leon Williams, 37, of Alexandria.

notable events

POLICE INVESTIGATE FATAL HIT AND RUN AT INTERSECTION OF BRADDOCK RD AND COMMONWEALTH AVE

On September 3, around 9:20 a.m. an unknown vehicle struck and killed a female victim at the intersection of Braddock Road and Commonwealth Avenue. The victim of this fatal hit and run was identified as Deborah Ann Bogart, 60, of Alexandria.

The driver involved in this incident was identified and a comprehensive investigation was conducted. The Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney decided to not seek charges against the driver as there was no evidence that the driver committed any criminal or traffic offense in the case.

CHARLES SEVERANCE TRIAL AND VERDICT

On November 2, Charles Severance was found guilty of all charges against him, including the homicides of three prominent Alexandria citizens: Nancy Dunning (2003), Ron Kirby (2013), and Ruthanne Lodato (2014). At the time, Chief Cook issued the following statement.

"I am extremely proud of the dedicated men and women of the Alexandria Police Department and the time and effort they put in over the course of 11 years to bring these three cases to trial. They illustrate the Department's commitment to bringing suspects to justice. Our detectives and officers never lost focus on these cases despite the number of years involved. We were motivated to find justice for the victims and closure for their families. Thankfully, this verdict officially gives closure for the families of enforcement partners for all the resources they have provided during the course of these investigations. I also have to commend the hard work of the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney and Bryan Porter, without whom, we would not have gotten these convictions."

ALEXANDRIA POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE AT BEVERLEY PARK

On November 9, around 8 a.m., police responded to Beverley Park at the intersection of N. Overlook Drive and S. Overlook Drive for an unresponsive male. An adult male was found deceased in the park suffering from upper body trauma. The victim was identified as Jose Luis Ferman Perez, 24, of Alexandria.

Alexandria Police charged one suspect, and have the other two suspects in custody, in connection with this homicide. A 17-year-old male was charged with Murder on January 13, 2016. His name is being withheld as he is a juvenile. Two other suspects related to this homicide are in custody.



"This heinous crime shocked the community and made many people worry for their safety and the safety of their children," said Police Chief Earl Cook. "I am pleased to say that this challenging homicide investigation is drawing to a close. I credit not only our detectives for their determination and hard work but thank the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security Investigations for their assistance over the course of the investigation."

POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE IN FOUR MILE RUN PARK

On December 4, the Police Department conducted a search of Four Mile Run Park for a missing person who was last seen in the area. During the search, officers located a deceased adult male suffering from obvious injuries. The victim was identified as Eduardo David Chandias Almendarez, 22, City resident.

Police charged Edwin Alexander Guerrero Umana, 18, of Arlington, with Murder in connection with the homicide. He is being held without bond.

"The hard work of Alexandria Police detectives and vital assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Homeland Security Investigations directly led to this arrest and closure for the victim's family", said Police Chief Earl Cook. "This homicide investigation continues and the Alexandria Police

paying tribute

THE ALEXANDRIA POLICE FALLEN OFFICERS MEMORIAL

On Saturday, March 28, past and current members of the Alexandria Police Department, along with friends and family, gathered for the Dedication Ceremony for the Alexandria Police Fallen Officers Memorial. After years of hard work, the Alexandria Police Foundation made good on a promise to build a memorial honoring those who have died in the line of duty. Since the early 1800s, eighteen of Alexandria's Police officers have lost their lives in service to the City of Alexandria.

The memorial was originally intended to be built with police headquarters in 2011. It was later decided that the necessary funding for the project should come from private sources. As a result, the Alexandria Police Foundation spearheaded an initiative to create a timeless, publicly accessible memorial. The Foundation worked with two local companies, HDR and Whiting-Turner, to make a memorial that would "properly honor the courage, sacrifice and memory of these officers."

ALEXANDRIA'S FALLEN

- Constable Elijah Chenault: August 4, 1823
- Watchman Gerrard Arnold: September 9, 1827
- Officer Julian Arnold: May 15, 1887
- Officer George W. Crump: December 28, 1893
- Officer Walker Campbell: February 16, 1919
- Sergeant Elton B. Hummer: August 18, 1928
- Sergeant Charles R. McClary: June 20, 1929
- Private Whitfield W. Lipscombe: September 4, 1930
- Private August Perault Pierce: September 7, 1930
- Private Clarence J. McClary: March 17, 1935
- Private Robert B. Harris: September 11, 1948
- Private Bobby G. Padgett: February 4, 1959
- Deputy Inspector James W. Baber: October 10, 1962
- Private Eugene Yoakum: September 27, 1964
- Detective Conrad L. Birney: December 27, 1972



crime statistics

ALEXANDRIA CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE LOWS IN PART ONE CRIME

The Alexandria Police Department reports that total Part 1 crime decreased by 0.1%, or by 4 offenses, in calendar year 2015. As in previous years, Alexandria continues to experience historic crime lows. These remain some of the lowest Part 1 crimes the City has experienced since the 1960's.

"The crime stats from 2014 are another example of the tireless work of our sworn, civilian and volunteer staff to protect the City of Alexandria. Overall, Part 1 crime is down. In addition to these historic lows, we also closed six homicides by arrest; two of which were considered cold cases from 2001 and 2009. These numbers are also a reflection of the unprecedented level of cooperation we have with our City partners, the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and most importantly, our community. The Alexandria Police Department is committed in our efforts to reduce and prevent crime so that all who live, work, and visit Alexandria can do so in a safe community," stated Chief of Police Earl L. Cook.

PART ONE CRIMES

CRIME TYPE	2014	2015	CHANGE	% CHANGE
HOMICIDE	4	4	0	0.0%
RAPE	15	19	4	26.7%
ROBBERY	139	139	0	0.0%
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	104	148	44	42.3%
BURGLARY	257	230	-27	-10.5%
LARCENY	2,546	2,443	-103	-4.0%
AUTO THEFT	253	254	1	0.4%
TOTAL	3,318	3,237	-81	-2.4%

QUALITY OF LIFE CRIMES

CRIME TYPE	2014	2015	CHANGE	% CHANGE
DESTRUCTION/VANDALISM	1,022	1,054	32	3.1%
PROSTITUTION	76	13	-63	-82.9%
DRUG/NARCOTIC OFFENSES	718	693	-25	-3.5%
GAMBLING	2	1	-1	-50.0%
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	126	125	-1	-0.8%
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	344	299	-45	-13.1%
DRUNKENNESS	423	327	-96	-22.7%
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	490	355	-135	-27.6%
TOTAL	3,201	2,867	-334	-10.4%

ARRESTS

	ADULT			JUVENILE			TOTAL		
ARRESTS	2014	2015	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE	2014	2015	CHANGE
HOMICIDE INTENTIONAL	4	1	-75.0%	0	0	0.0%	4	1	-75.0%
SEX OFFENSE RAPE	8	8	0.0%	2	2	0.0%	10	10	0.0%
ROBBERY	37	39	5.4%	12	3	-75.0%	49	42	-14.3%
AGGRAVATED	48	71	47.9%	6	9	50.0%	54	80	48.1%
BURGLARY	39	36	-7.7%	11	0	N/C	50	36	-28.0%
LARCENY (THEFT)	332	287	-13.6%	79	77	-2.5%	411	364	-11.4%
GLA	22	17	-22.7%	3	3	0.0%	25	20	-20.0%
OTHER ASSAULT	363	398	9.6%	59	73	23.7%	422	471	11.6%
ABDUCTION/	6	17	183.3%	0	1	#DIV/0!	6	18	200.0%
ARSON	5	0	N/C	0	0	#DIV/0!	5	0	-100.0%
FORGERY & COUNTERFEIT	17	16	-5.9%	2	0	N/C	19	16	-15.8%
FRAUD	74	93	25.7%	4	5	25.0%	78	98	25.6%
EMBEZZLEMENT	37	42	13.5%	0	0	0.0%	37	42	13.5%
STOLEN PROPERTY	10	8	-20.0%	0	2	#DIV/0!	10	10	0.0%
VANDALISM	68	60	-11.8%	19	8	-57.9%	87	68	-21.8%
WEAPONS	37	32	-13.5%	12	6	-50.0%	49	38	-22.4%
PROSTITUTION	86	16	-81.4%	1	0	N/C	87	16	-81.6%
PORNOGRAPHY/ OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	3	0.0%	0	1	0.0%	0	4	0.0%
SEX OFFENSE OTHER	31	26	-16.1%	5	0	-100.0%	36	26	-27.8%
DRUG ABUSE	613	554	-9.6%	58	35	-39.7%	671	589	-12.2%
GAMBLING	2	3	50.0%	0	0	0.0%	2	3	50.0%
D.W.I.	343	298	-13.1%	2	0	-100.0%	345	298	-13.6%
LIQUOR LAWS	592	411	-30.6%	13	26	100.0%	605	437	-27.8%
DRUNKENNESS	419	328	-21.7%	1	3	200.0%	420	331	-21.2%
DISORDERLY	102	95	-6.9%	13	20	53.8%	115	115	0.0%
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	1,865	1,738	-6.8%	421	380	-9.7%	2,286	2,118	-7.3%
TOTAL	5,160	4,597	-10.9%	723	654	-9.5%	5,883	5,251	-10.7%

CALLS FOR SERVICE

TYPE OF CALL RESPONDING TO	2014	2015	% CHANGE
ABANDONED AUTO	250	185	-26.0%
ACCIDENT	5,288	5,227	-1.2%
ALARM	4,286	4,153	-3.1%
AMBULANCE/FIRE	741	1,299	75.3%
ANIMAL CASE	2,197	2,568	16.9%
ASSAULT	488	527	8.0%
AUTO THEFT	436	441	1.1%
AUTO THEFT RECOVERY	113	81	-28.3%
BOMB THREAT	1	8	700.0%
BURGLARY	535	513	-4.1%
CITIZEN ASSIST	1,662	1,732	4.2%
DISORDERLY	4,271	4,207	-1.5%
DOMESTIC TROUBLE	2,317	2,301	-0.7%
DRUGS	913	750	-17.9%
DRUNK	915	568	-37.9%
E911 HANG-UP CALLS	652	1,101	68.9%
ESCORT	28	20	-28.6%
FIGHT	379	398	5.0%
HOMICIDE	0	2	0.0%
LARCENY	2,903	2,783	-4.1%
LOCKED IN AUTO	70	83	18.6%
LOUD PARTY / RADIO	176	137	-22.2%
MISSING PERSON	309	322	4.2%
NOISE COMPLAINT	2,022	2,189	8.3%
OTHER	5,442	5,716	5.0%
PARKING	4,084	4,765	16.7%
PHONE CALLS	317	349	10.1%
PROPERTY LOST / FOUND	881	895	1.6%
PROWLER	12	10	-16.7%
PUBLIC SERVICE	391	494	26.3%
ROBBERY	162	137	-15.4%
SEX OFFENSE	176	177	0.6%
SUBJECT STOPS*	2,291	2,371	3.5%
SUSPICIOUS EVENT	3,244	3,051	-5.9%
TRAFFIC HAZARD	519	572	10.2%
TRAFFIC PROBLEM	343	355	3.5%
TRAFFIC STOPS*	24,898	15,539	-37.6%
TRESPASS	476	406	-14.7%
TROUBLE UNKNOWN	988	2,615	18.4%
VANDALISM	848	908	7.1%
WEAPON	302	300	-0.7%
TOTALS	77,546	70,255	-9.4%



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